

## Spring Milkweed Guide

Things you might see in the spring...

1. Lots of weeds in the pot along with milkweeds. I carefully remove all the weeds in the pots so that its easier for students to find the milkweeds. Whatever you do to one pot, do to them all.



Milkweed is NOT  
the weed in this  
experiment!

2. Milkweeds that are a variety of sizes. Many may have more than one stem when they come back in the spring.



3. Volunteer milkweed seedlings that are just coming up from seed, not from last years roots. The will be tiny! Please remove these to avoid confusion.



Volunteer milkweed seedlings are tiny and do not belong in your pot. Please remove them so you don't get confused.

4. If you find a plant that looks too big, like it doesn't belong, please take a photo and ask about it. The large stem at the edge of this pot is much too big for a first year plant, and it didn't come back in the middle. This can happen as the plants get older, but is unlikely this year. Its probably from a piece of milkweed stem that was buried in the soil. PLEASE CONSULT WITH Emily Mohl ([mohl@stolaf.edu](mailto:mohl@stolaf.edu); 773-729-0617) if you find something like this so we can decide what to do about it.



If you find something surprising, like a giant milkweed at the edge of your pot, please CONSULT with Emily Mohl ([mohl@stolaf.edu](mailto:mohl@stolaf.edu); 773-729-0617) to decide how to handle it.

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